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SUPERVISOR MAYO RENEWS CALL FOR DEDICATED TRANSIT FUNDING

Federal funding allows creation of new express routes to enhance Milwaukee County Transit System

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., is pleased to participate in Saturday’s celebratory launch of three new express bus routes within the Milwaukee County Transit System.

“The three new express routes we’re launching this weekend will be a great enhancement to the Milwaukee County Transit System,” Supervisor Mayo said. “Not only are these new routes faster than regular service, they will also run more frequently than local routes. This improved service will help our riders get to work, school, shopping, and the doctor more quickly.”

The three routes, which begin regular service on Sunday, January 29, will connect Bayshore Town Center and the Airport; UWM and 124th Street; and Fond du Lac Avenue and National Avenue. Details on the new routes are available by [clicking here](#).

“The Milwaukee County Transit System is safe, efficient and environmentally friendly. We reach nearly every neighborhood in Milwaukee. Our drivers are courteous, helpful, and accommodating. Our transit system is here to serve you, the riders. Without your support, there would be no transit system.”

Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., are the authors of a County Board resolution supporting the Workforce Mobility Act to reverse the ten percent cut in transit funds included in the 2011-2013 State Budget. A recent estimate from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau found an approximate \$33 million surplus in the transportation fund that could help offset the cuts in State transit aid.

“Although one-time federal funds helped us add this new express service in 2012, the transit system remains on life support. We need all the help we can get to preserve transit over the long-term,” Supervisor Mayo added. “Because the State has not yet allowed Milwaukee County to establish a dedicated funding source, supplemental funds from the State could help fill the gap in the short term. Let’s make this a win-win for the residents of Milwaukee County.”

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